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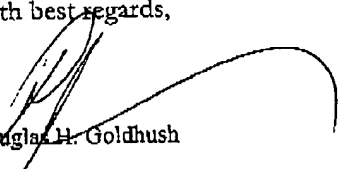
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CSO 2800**Message:**

Dear Ms. Martir:

As we discussed, we enclose a copy of the papers filed on December 9, 2002. Please advise us as soon as possible as to the status of this application, as the applicants are very concerned.

With best regards,


Douglas H. Goldhush**CONFIDENTIALITY NOTICE:**

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SECOND REQUEST FOR STATUS AND CLARIFICATION
OF USPTO INFORMATION

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

December 9, 2002

Sir:

Further to applicant's First Request for Status and Clarification dated October 30, 2002, applicant once again requests clarification of the status of the subject application. Applicant's attorney received a telephone call on Friday, October 11, 2002, from Examiner Lilybett Martir. In this telephone conversation, Examiner Martir had inquired as to whether or not applicant had filed a response to an Office Action (supposedly mailed on January 25, 2002), and supposedly restarted effective March 22, 2002. Applicant has not, however, been able to verify the existence of any such Office Action, or restarted Office Action.

The undersigned attorney of record in this application filed a Notification of Change of Name and Address and Associate Power of Attorney on September 3, 2002, wherein further correspondence was requested to be addressed to the undersigned attorney at the below-indicated contact information. However, applicant's attorney has been in contact with his former law firm of Arent Fox Kintner Plotkin & Kahn. The records of Arent Fox Kintner Plotkin & Kahn, according to the Intellectual Property Administrator of that firm, the records of Arent Fox do not indicate the receipt of either an Office Action dated January 25, 2002, or

a restarted Office Action effective March 22, 2002. No correspondence has been received from the United States Patent & Trademark Office on this application since the Office Action dated July 31, 2001. A response was timely filed on October 15, 2001.

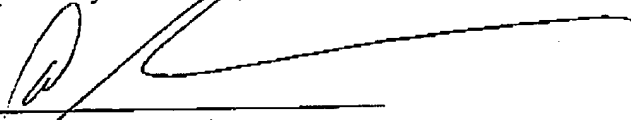
* During the telephone conversation of October 11, 2002, the Examiner was unable to verify the existence of any of these papers, in that there did not seem to be any copies in the United States Patent & Trademark Office file. It is believed that the data regarding the restart information was only found in the PTO PALM system.

In view of the fact that the proper pendency of this application has been brought into question by this telephone call, it is respectfully requested that the United States Patent & Trademark Office verify the status of the subject application, and communicate this information to the undersigned attorney at the indicated address.

In the event, however, that this application is deemed to be abandoned, it is respectfully requested that this paper be considered a petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment, for non-receipt of the papers discussed above. Any fees for such a petition should be charged to Counsel's Deposit Account No. 50-2222. Further evidence in the form of declarations, docket sheets, etc. are available upon request, if necessary. Such papers are not submitted at this time because the status of this application is in question.

In the event any fees are required with this paper, please charge Counsel's Deposit Account No. 50-2222.

Respectfully submitted,



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